

BSc (HONS) PSYCHOLOGY- SH 341

1. OBJECTIVE

At the University of Mauritius, we offer you a degree that provides a thorough grounding in the theories and methods of psychology. In the first two years, you will be introduced to the main areas of Psychology: Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Biological Bases of Behaviour and Social Psychology. In your final year, you will study more specialised topics in Psychology and will have to submit a dissertation based on an original piece of research. The latter is aimed to help you develop your research skills and apply the theories and methods learnt to specific social contexts.

The programme is designed to:

- Provide in-depth knowledge of Psychology as a science that students understand from a theoretical and applied perspective.
- Develop your analytical and critical skills
- Give a broad general education that is appreciated by employers in a number of professions requiring social analysis in a changing society, both in the public and private sector.
- be the first step to further studies at post graduate level and beyond either locally or abroad.

2. GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate Programmes.

3. PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

Credits in English and Mathematics at GCE 'O' Level and Any 2 'A' Levels

4. PROGRAMME DURATION

	Normal (Years)	Maximum (Years)
Degree:	3	5

5. MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE: 100

BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS

CORE	ELECTIVE	DISSERTATION	IT MODULE
78	9	10	3

6. CREDITS PER YEAR:

Minimum : 18 Credits

Maximum : 48 credits

7. ASSESSMENT

Each module can either be taught in one semester only (semester module) or throughout the two semesters (yearly module).

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2 to 3-hour duration (normally a paper of 2 hour duration for modules carrying less or equal to three credits, and 3 hour paper for modules carrying six credits) and on continuous assessment done during the semester or year. The examination duration for modules assessed by 50% continuous assessment may differ from the above.

Written examinations for all modules, will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for semester modules (unless otherwise stated). Relevant information will be provided to the students prior to delivery of the modules.

The continuous assessment will count for 10- 30% of the overall percentage mark of the module, except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory work, seminars and/or assignments and should include at least 1 class test.

Special examinations (e.g. class tests) will be arranged at the end of semester 1 or semester 2 for exchange students who have registered only for one semester. In case of yearly modules, credits will be assigned on a pro-rata basis.

8. REPEAT AND TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

If the CPA of a student is < 40% for an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake modules for which **Grade C** or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat **only once** over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

- (i) the CPA < 40% at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or
- (ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

9. MODULES OF SPECIAL NATURE

A student can take a maximum of 9 credits of Self-Study Subjects and Independent Study, subject to approval of the Department.

10. LIST OF MODULES

Code Core	Module NAME	Hrs/ WK L + P	Credits
PSYC 1003Y(3)	Cognitive Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 1004Y(3)	Developmental Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 1007Y(3)	Biological Bases of Behaviour	3+0	6
PSYC 1102(1)	Approaches to Psychology	3+0	3
PSYC 1009Y(1)	Introduction to Counselling	3+0	3
STAT 1101(1)	Statistics for Social Science	3+0	3
CSE 1010e	Introduction to Information Technology	D.E	3
PSYC 2001Y(3)R	Research Methods*	3+0	6
PSYC 2002Y(3)	Social Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 2003Y(3)	Personality Theories	1½+0	3
PSYC 2106(3)	Advanced Developmental Psychology	3+0	3
PSYC 2112(3)	Advanced Cognitive Psychology	3+0	3
STAT 2201(3)	Inferential Statistics in Psychology	3+0	3
PSYC 2007Y(3)	Advanced Counselling	1½+0	3
PSYC 2108(3)	Psychological Testing	3+0	3
PSYC 2004Y(3)	Industrial/Organisational Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 3001Y(5)	Educational Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 3006Y(5)	Clinical Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 3203(5)	Identity and inter-group relations	3+0	3
PSYC 3000(5)	Dissertation	-	10
ELECTIVES			
SOCI 1101(1)	Understanding Society	DE	3
COMS 1010	Communication Skills	DE	3
PSYC 2109(3)	Health Psychology	3+0	3
LAW4103 (1)	Criminology	3+0	3
PSYC 2111(3)	Children with special needs	3+0	3
PSYC 3106(5)	Family therapy	3+0	3
PSYC 3107(5)	Forensic psychology	3+0	3

11. PROGRAMME PLAN

YEAR 1

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PSYC 1004Y(3)	Developmental Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 1007Y(3)	Biological Bases of Behaviour	3+0	6
PSYC 1102(1)	Approaches to Psychology ¹	3+0	3
PSYC 1009Y(1)	Introduction to Counselling	3+0	3
STAT 1101(1)	Statistics for Social Science ¹	3+0	3
CSE 1010e	Introduction to Information Technology ²	DE	3
ELECTIVES	(SELECT ANY ONE)		
LAW 4103 (1)	Criminology ¹	3+0	3
SOCI 1101(1)	Understanding Society ¹	DE	3
COMS 1010(1)	Communication Skills ¹	DE	3

YEAR 2

Code Core	Module Name	Hrs/ Wk L + P	Credits
PSYC 2001Y(3)R	Research Methods*	3+0	6
PSYC 2002Y(3)	Social Psychology	3+0	6
PSYC 2003Y(3)	Personality Theories	1½+0	3
PSYC 2007Y(3)	Advanced Counselling	1½+0	3
PSYC 2108(3)	Psychological Testing ¹	3+0	3
PSYC 2107(3)	Advanced Developmental Psychology ¹	3+0	3
PSYC 2112(3)	Advanced Cognitive Psychology ¹	3+0	3
STAT 2201(3)	Inferential Statistics in Psychology ²	3+0	3
ELECTIVES	(SELECT ANY ONE)		
PSYC 2109(3)	Health Psychology ¹	3+0	3
PSYC 2111(3)	Children with special needs ¹	3+0	3

		YEAR 3		
Code Core	Module Name		Hrs/ Wk L + P	Credits
PSYC 3001Y(5)	Educational Psychology		3+0	6
PSYC 3006Y(5)	Clinical Psychology		3+0	6
PSYC 2004Y(5)	Industrial/Organizational Psychology		3+0	6
PSYC 3203(5)	Identity and inter-group relations ²		3+0	3
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PSYC 3107(5)	Forensic psychology ¹		3+0	3

Note:

(1) ¹ - to be run and examined in semester I

(2) ² - to be run and examined in semester 2

(3) An elective will only be offered subject to availability of resources and critical mass. The Department reserves the right to offer additional electives.

*Module assessed 50% by continuous assessment.